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BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

HOUSE OF PRAYER (TINA PETTIFORD) )  
 )  
 vs. ) DOCKET NO.  
 ) 14-0463  
 ILLINOIS-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY )  
 )  
 Complaint as to inaccurate billing )  
 in Washington Park, Illinois. )

Springfield, Illinois  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Met, pursuant to notice at 9:00 a.m.

BEFORE :

Stephen Yoder, Administrative Law Judge

MIDWEST LITIGATION SERVICES, by  
Angela C. Turner  
CSR #084-004122

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Tina Pettiford  
3 House of Prayer  
4 5501 North Park Dr.  
5 Washington Park, Illinois 62204  
6 (Appearing on behalf of House of Prayer via  
7 phone.)

8 Kenneth Jones  
9 Illinois-American Water Company  
10 300 North Water Works Dr.  
11 Belleville, Illinois 62223  
12 (Appearing on behalf of Illinois-American  
13 Water Company via phone.)

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE YODER: By the authority vested in me  
3 by the Illinois Commerce Commission, I'll now call  
4 Docket 14-0463. It's a complaint filed by House of  
5 Prayer against Illinois-American Water Company's  
6 complaint as to inaccurate billing in Washington  
7 Park, Illinois.

8 Ms. Pettiford, would you enter your  
9 appearance on behalf of the House of Prayer?

10 MS. PETTIFORD: Would I answer my what? I'm  
11 sorry.

12 JUDGE YODER: State your name and address  
13 and what your position is with the company.

14 MS. PETTIFORD: Yes. My name is Tina  
15 Pettiford, and I am the manager of House of Prayer to  
16 Our Nation Church. The address is 5501 North Park  
17 Drive, Washington Park, Illinois, 62204.

18 JUDGE YODER: Thank you.

19 And for the Company?

20 MR. JONES: Thank you, your Honor.

21 For the Company, Kenneth Jones, 300 North  
22 Water Works Drive, Belleville, Illinois, 62223. And  
23 the phone number is (618) 239-3222.

24 JUDGE YODER: Thank you.

1           Is there anyone else wishing to enter their  
2 appearance in this docket?

3                       (No response.)

4           JUDGE YODER: Let the record reflect no  
5 response.

6           Indicate for Mr. Jones that there was an  
7 e-mail message from the Clerk's office that Ms.  
8 Pettiford had called probably Friday. You had  
9 trouble getting a hold of Mr. Jones to exchange any  
10 discovery or request discovery, is that correct,  
11 Ms. Pettiford?

12           MS. PETTIFORD: Yes, that is correct. We  
13 did talk yesterday approximately about 4:00 p.m. --  
14 about 5:00 p.m.

15           JUDGE YODER: Okay. Has the Company -- is  
16 there something that they have agreed to provide you?  
17 Have you guys started that process?

18           MR. JONES: Your Honor, if you're asking me,  
19 Ms. Pettiford has made no discovery request to us.  
20 We spoke last night about that.

21           JUDGE YODER: Was there something you were  
22 going to request of the Company, Ms. Pettiford, in  
23 the way of discovery?

24           MS. PETTIFORD: No, your Honor. I didn't

1 know if Mr. Jones needed something from me as well.  
2 And I wanted to make sure that I can present my  
3 evidence.

4 JUDGE YODER: Okay. Well, generally, at  
5 this point, we set a date for the Complainant, that  
6 would be the House of Prayer, Ms. Pettiford, to file  
7 their direct testimony. And that would be written  
8 testimony by you and anybody else who has knowledge  
9 of any facts relating to the complaint that you have  
10 filed here.

11 Are you in a position today for us to set a  
12 date down the road for you to file that testimony?

13 MS. PETTIFORD: Yes, uh-huh.

14 JUDGE YODER: Generally, that would be about  
15 30 days down the road. So that would be about  
16 November 14th.

17 Would that give you enough time to file your  
18 testimony and any other witnesses you have with the  
19 Chief Clerk with copies to myself and Mr. Jones?

20 MS. PETTIFORD: Yes, uh-huh.

21 JUDGE YODER: Okay. So that would be your  
22 direct testimony and any other witnesses, just so  
23 we're clear. And you have to have all of your  
24 testimony filed with the Chief Clerk by November 14,

1 2014, and then you just need to send copies to myself  
2 and Mr. Jones so that we have that for our records.

3 And in that you and your witnesses can lay  
4 out in either narrative form or in a question and  
5 answer format, you know, like: What is your  
6 occupation? I am the manager of the House of Prayer.  
7 Just like that. Or you can just lay out: I am Tina  
8 Pettiford. I am the manager of the House of Prayer.  
9 Either way. In pro se complaints, we're not real  
10 strict about that kind of stuff.

11 Do you have any questions about the filing  
12 of the testimony?

13 MS. PETTIFORD: Your Honor, I wanted to send  
14 just a letter from each individual that states, you  
15 know, the facts and their names.

16 Is that sufficient?

17 JUDGE YODER: Well, we have to have it in  
18 writing whoever it is laying out whatever the facts  
19 are and who they are such that, eventually, if the  
20 Company wishes to cross examine them at a hearing,  
21 they're able to do that.

22 So if it's just in the form of a letter, I  
23 am not sure the Clerk would accept that. You might  
24 have to talk to them. It has to have the caption of

1 the case on it and be titled "Direct Testimony" and  
2 then lay it out. If there's any exhibits that you  
3 have, copies of bills or anything like that, those  
4 have to be also attached to the direct testimony.

5 MS. PETTIFORD: Okay.

6 JUDGE YODER: Okay. And as I said, if it's  
7 you; if it's anybody else who works there; if that's  
8 anybody who pays the bills, whatever it is, all those  
9 people have to file their testimony. If you don't  
10 pay the bills, you can't testify that the person who  
11 pays the bills did something. Okay?

12 MS. PETTIFORD: Okay.

13 JUDGE YODER: So with that understanding, by  
14 the 14th, Mr. Jones, would the Company be able to  
15 file its direct testimony -- four weeks later would  
16 be December 12th. Would that be enough time with the  
17 Thanksgiving holiday or do you need a couple extra  
18 days?

19 MR. JONES: I think that will be fine, your  
20 Honor.

21 JUDGE YODER: So the Company will file --  
22 you're Complainant. Company will file its direct  
23 testimony, Ms. Pettiford, by December 12, 2014. And  
24 in that, they will lay out their evidence, whatever

1    they have.  If it's reports, if it's bills, whatever.  
2    I don't know what it is.  I don't want to know until  
3    it's all filed.

4           As I probably indicated before, since House  
5    of Prayer is the Complainant, they have the  
6    opportunity to go last and file rebuttal testimony.  
7    And that would be testimony the House of Prayer would  
8    file only in response to whatever Illinois-American  
9    has raised in its direct testimony.  That's,  
10   generally, I have seen not as extensive as the  
11   initial direct testimony.  But then we get into  
12   Christmas so.  Maybe if you could have that filed by  
13   January 2nd.  Well, let's make it January 6th.  I  
14   don't know what -- with the January 1st and  
15   Christmas.

16           And so you would have the opportunity -- you  
17   don't have to.  You would have to file direct  
18   testimony, because that puts the case at issue.  Then  
19   the Company filing theirs.  If there is anything you  
20   want to respond to in the Company's direct testimony,  
21   then you would be able to file rebuttal testimony by  
22   January 6th of 2015.

23           Okay?  Do you understand that?

24           MS. PETTIFORD:  Yes.  Yes, your Honor.

1 JUDGE YODER: Do you have any questions  
2 about that at this time?

3 MS. PETTIFORD: Yes, your Honor.

4 I wanted to make sure with the direct  
5 testimony, I can present what I do have to the Chief  
6 Clerk to see whether or not it's acceptable?

7 JUDGE YODER: Well, I was saying they need  
8 it in a certain format. They need -- if you just  
9 send a letter, they're not going to know what to do  
10 with it. It has to have the caption of the case.  
11 And that would be like if you look at the answer that  
12 Illinois-American filed, you can take the top of  
13 that. That's, in essence, the caption of the case.  
14 House of Prayer versus Illinois-American and the  
15 docket number. Instead of "Answer", you would say  
16 "Direct Testimony" for you and every other person who  
17 files direct testimony. Then you lay out in that all  
18 your evidence. And then you attach to that any hard  
19 exhibits you have, like copies of bills or anything  
20 like that. Okay?

21 MS. PETTIFORD: Okay.

22 JUDGE YODER: So generally, what we'll do is  
23 come back for a status hearing after you have filed  
24 your rebuttal testimony and make sure that we --

1 everything has been filed and we're ready to set a  
2 hearing date. And if you file that on January 6th,  
3 the next week, January 13th, 14th or 15th are  
4 available, except we have a Commission meeting on the  
5 14th at 10:30.

6 Any of those dates would be available for  
7 me, Ms. Pettiford or Mr. Jones, if any of those work  
8 for you.

9 MR. JONES: Your Honor, the 14th is bad for  
10 me, but the 13th or 15th is good.

11 JUDGE YODER: So the 14th is best?

12 MR. JONES: No. The 14th is bad.

13 JUDGE YODER: Oh, 14th is bad.

14 So Ms. Pettiford, does the 13th or 15th work  
15 for you?

16 MS. PETTIFORD: I am going to make the 13th  
17 work for me.

18 JUDGE YODER: Okay. So would 9:00 be best  
19 for you?

20 MS. PETTIFORD: Yes, uh-huh.

21 JUDGE YODER: That works for you, Mr. Jones?

22 MR. JONES: Yes, your Honor.

23 JUDGE YODER: Okay. So I am going to have  
24 the Clerk send the notice. I will have them include

1 all these dates on when things need to be filed, Ms.  
2 Pettiford, so you will have that.

3 And then we'll continue this date to a  
4 status hearing January 13th, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

5 Will the Company be wishing to appear by  
6 telephone, Mr. Jones?

7 MR. JONES: Yes, your Honor.

8 If permissible, we could use this same  
9 number.

10 JUDGE YODER: I will include this number  
11 also in the notice from the Clerk's office.

12 MR. JONES: Thank you.

13 JUDGE YODER: Okay. Anything further today,  
14 Ms. Pettiford, or any questions you have?

15 MS. PETTIFORD: No, your Honor.

16 JUDGE YODER: Anything further from the  
17 Company, Mr. Jones?

18 MR. JONES: No, your Honor.

19 JUDGE YODER: Thank you.

20 (Matter continued to January 13, 2015,  
21 at 9:00 a.m.)  
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Angela C. Turner, a Certified Shorthand  
Reporter within and for the State of Illinois, do  
hereby certify that the hearing aforementioned was  
held on the time and in the place previously  
described.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal.

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